

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-35 are pending in the application. Claim 1, 3, 13, 15, 25, and 27 have been amended. Claims 12, 24, and 36 have been cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-35 are patentable over the art of record and allowance is respectfully requested of claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-35.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ali for holding a telephone interview with their representative, Janaki K. Davda, on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. (EST). During the telephone interview, claims 1, 12, 13, and 25 were discussed. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ali for indicating that incorporating the subject matter of claim 12 into the independent claims would place all claims in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 21 to incorporate this subject matter. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of the pending claims.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-11, 13-23, and 25-35 are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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